

CLAIMS:

1. (Currently amended) A method of communication, ~~[[said]]~~ the method comprising:

parsing stored information, wherein the stored information identifies a plurality of project activities associated with a project and wherein each given project activity within the plurality of project activities associated with the project identifies at least one person responsible for the given project activity; [[and]]

automatically sending at least one customized message[[;]] to the at least one person responsible for each given project activity, wherein each message of the at least one customized message is in reference to a corresponding project activity of the plurality of project activities associated with the project and wherein one or more message components of [[said]] each customized message are derived from [[said]] the parsing of the stored information; and

updating the stored information to form updated stored information, wherein updating the stored information updates the status of at least one project activity of the plurality of project activities associated with the project to identify a completion status of the at least one project activity.

2. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 1, further comprising:
storing [[said]] additional information with the stored information; and
~~updating said information.~~

3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein ~~[[said]]~~ the parsing further comprises:

extracting from [[said]] the stored information the one or more message components chosen from
message recipients,

message subjects, and
message contents.

5. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein ~~[[said]]~~ the parsing further comprises:

extracting from ~~[[said]]~~ the stored information
dependency information, ~~[[or]]~~
~~defect information,~~

~~or both~~ wherein the dependency information identifies at least one project activity that is dependent on at least one other project activity within the plurality of project activities that are associated with the project.

6. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein ~~[[said]]~~ the sending further comprises utilizing one or more communication technologies chosen from

e-mail,
text-to-speech,
voice mail,
voice over IP,
wireless text messages,
instant messaging,
short message services,
and posting on a web site.

7. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein ~~[[said]]~~ the at least one customized message is sent to ~~[[a]]~~ the at least one person responsible for ~~at least part of a project; and~~

~~wherein said stored information contains information concerning said project~~ the given project activity.

8. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 1, further comprising:
creating ~~[[said]]~~ the at least one customized message, based on a recipient's role in ~~[[a]]~~ the project.

9. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 1, further comprising:
creating ~~[[said]]~~ the at least one customized message, based on a row in a table.

10. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 1, further comprising:
creating ~~[[said]]~~ the at least one customized message, with content limited to a ~~problem~~ the given project activity for which a recipient is responsible.

11-16. (Canceled)

17. (Currently amended) A system of communication, ~~[[said]]~~ the system comprising:

means for parsing stored information, wherein the stored information identifies a plurality of project activities associated with a project and wherein each given project activity within the plurality of project activities associated with the project identifies at least one person responsible for the given project activity; ~~[[and]]~~

means for automatically sending at least one customized message~~[[;]]~~to the at least one person responsible for each given project activity, wherein each message of the at least one customized message is in reference to a corresponding project activity of the plurality of project activities associated with the project and wherein one or more components of ~~[[said]]~~ each customized message are derived from ~~[[said]]~~ the parsing of the stored information; and

means for updating the stored information to form updated stored information, wherein updating the stored information updates the status of at least one project activity of the plurality of project activities associated with the project to identify a completion status of the at least one project activity.

18. (Currently amended) The system of Claim 17, further comprising:
means for storing ~~[[said]]~~ additional information with the stored information; ~~and~~
~~means for updating said information.~~
19. (Canceled)
20. (Currently amended) The system of Claim 17, wherein ~~[[said]]~~ the means for parsing further comprises:
means for extracting from ~~[[said]]~~ the stored information the one or more message components chosen from
message recipients,
message subjects, and
message contents.
21. (Currently amended) The system of Claim 17, wherein ~~[[said]]~~ the means for parsing further comprises:
means for extracting from ~~[[said]]~~ the stored information
dependency information, ~~[[or]]~~
~~defect information,~~
~~or both~~ wherein the dependency information identifies at least one project activity that is dependent on at least one other project activity within the plurality of project activities that are associated with the project.
22. (Currently amended) The system of Claim 17, wherein ~~[[said]]~~ the means for sending further comprises means for utilizing one or more communication technologies chosen from
e-mail,
text-to-speech,
voice mail,
voice over IP,
wireless text messages,

instant messaging,
short message services,
and posting on a web site.

23. (Currently amended) The system of Claim 17, wherein ~~[[said]]~~ the at least one customized message is sent to ~~[[a]]~~ the at least one person responsible for ~~at least part of a project; and~~

~~wherein said stored information contains information concerning said project~~ the given project activity.

24. (Currently amended) The system of Claim 17, further comprising:
means for creating ~~[[said]]~~ the at least one customized message, based on a recipient's role in ~~[[a]]~~ the project.

25. (Currently amended) The system of Claim 17, further comprising:
means for creating ~~[[said]]~~ the at least one customized message, based on a row in a table.

26. (Currently amended) The system of Claim 17, further comprising:
means for creating ~~[[said]]~~ the at least one customized message, with content limited to ~~a problem~~ the given project activity for which a recipient is responsible.

27. (Currently amended) A computer program product stored on a computer memory ~~computer usable medium~~, having computer-executable instructions for communication, ~~[[said]]~~ the computer program product ~~computer usable medium~~ comprising:

means for parsing stored information, wherein the stored information identifies a plurality of project activities associated with a project and wherein each given project activity within the plurality of project activities associated with the project identifies at least one person responsible for the given project activity; [[and]]

means for automatically sending at least one customized message~~[[;]]~~to the at least one person responsible for each given project activity, wherein each message of the

at least one customized message is in reference to a corresponding project activity of the plurality of project activities associated with the project and wherein one or more components of [[said]] each customized message are derived from [[said]] the parsing of the stored information; and

means for updating the stored information to form updated stored information, wherein updating the stored information updates the status of at least one project activity of the plurality of project activities associated with the project to identify a completion status of the at least one project activity.

28. (Currently amended) The computer program product ~~computer usable medium~~ of Claim 27, further comprising:

means for storing [[said]] additional information with the stored information; and
~~means for updating said information.~~

29. (Canceled)

30. (Currently amended) The computer program product ~~computer usable medium~~ of Claim 27, wherein [[said]] the means for parsing further comprises:

means for extracting from [[said]] the stored information the one or more message components chosen from
message recipients,
message subjects, and
message contents.

31. (Currently amended) The computer program product ~~computer usable medium~~ of Claim 27, wherein [[said]] the means for parsing further comprises:

means for extracting from [[said]] the stored information
dependency information, [[or]]
~~defect information,~~

~~or both~~ wherein the dependency information identifies at least one project activity that is dependent on at least one other project activity within the plurality of project activities that are associated with the project.

32. (Currently amended) The computer program product ~~computer-usable medium~~ of Claim 27, wherein ~~[[said]]~~ the means for sending further comprises means for utilizing one or more communication technologies chosen from

e-mail,
text-to-speech,
voice mail,
voice over IP,
wireless text messages,
instant messaging,
short message services,
and posting on a web site.

33. (Currently amended) The computer program product ~~computer-usable medium~~ of Claim 27, wherein ~~[[said]]~~ the at least one customized message is sent to ~~[[a]]~~ the at least one person responsible for ~~at least part of a project; and~~

~~wherein said stored information contains information concerning said project~~ the given project activity.

34. (Currently amended) The computer program product ~~computer-usable medium~~ of Claim 27, further comprising:

means for creating ~~[[said]]~~ the at least one customized message, based on a recipient's role in ~~[[a]]~~ the project.

35. (Currently amended) The computer program product ~~computer-usable medium~~ of Claim 27, further comprising:

means for creating ~~[[said]]~~ the at least one customized message, based on a row in a table.

36. (Currently amended) The computer program product ~~computer-usable medium~~ of Claim 27, further comprising:

means for creating [[said]] the at least one customized message, with content limited to ~~a problem~~ the given project activity for which a recipient is responsible.

37. (New) The method of Claim 1, wherein updating the stored information closes one of the plurality of project activities, thereby leaving one or more open project activities and wherein the method further comprises:

parsing the updated stored information; and

automatically sending at least one second customized message to the at least one person responsible for the one or more open project activities, wherein each message of the at least one second customized message is in reference to a corresponding open project activity of the one or more open activities and wherein one or more components of each one second customized message are derived from the parsing of the updated stored information.

38. (New) The system of Claim 17, wherein the means for updating the stored information closes one of the plurality of project activities, thereby leaving one or more open project activities and wherein the system further comprises:

means for parsing the updated stored information; and

means for automatically sending at least one second customized message to the at least one person responsible for the one or more open project activities, wherein each message of the at least one second customized message is in reference to a corresponding open project activity of the one or more open activities and wherein one or more components of each one second customized message are derived from the parsing of the updated stored information.

39. (New) The computer program product of Claim 27, wherein the means for updating the stored information closes one of the plurality of project activities, thereby leaving one or more open project activities and wherein the computer program product further comprises:

means for parsing the updated stored information; and

means for automatically sending at least one second customized message to the at least one person responsible for the one or more open project activities, wherein each message of the at least one second customized message is in reference to a corresponding open project activity of the one or more open activities and wherein one or more components of each one second customized message are derived from the parsing of the updated stored information.

40. (New) The method of Claim 1, wherein the parsing further comprises:
extracting from the stored information defect information, wherein the defect information identifies at least one project activity that is defective within the plurality of project activities that are associated with the project.

41. (New) The system of Claim 17, wherein the means for parsing further comprises:
means for extracting from the stored information defect information, wherein the defect information identifies at least one project activity that is defective within the plurality of project activities that are associated with the project.

42. (New) The computer program product of Claim 27, wherein the means for parsing further comprises:
means for extracting from the stored information defect information, wherein the defect information identifies at least one project activity that is defective within the plurality of project activities that are associated with the project.

43. (New) A method of communication, the method comprising:
receiving a plurality of project activities that are associated with a project;
receiving an identification of at least one person responsible for each given project activity within the plurality of activities associated with the project;
storing the plurality of activities associated with the project and the at least one person responsible for each given project activity as stored information;

parsing the stored information, wherein parsing the stored information identifies open project activities within the plurality of project activities associated with the project; and

automatically sending at least one customized message to the at least one person responsible for each given project activity with the open project activities and wherein one or more components of the at least one customized message are derived from the parsing of the stored information.